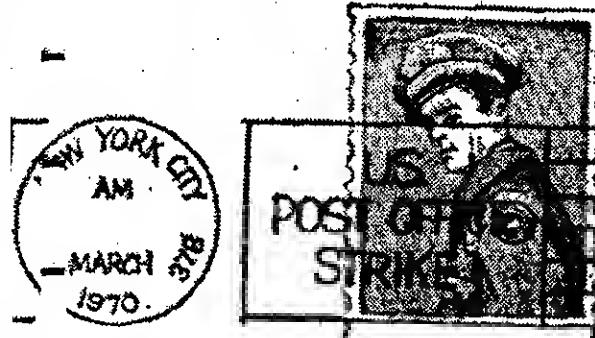


IT TAKES AMERIKAN INGENUITY AND KNOW-HOW TO ORGANIZE THIS GLOBAL RIP-OFF AND TURN IT INTO A FINE LOOKING AUTOMOBILE. SO WHEN YOU HEAR THE MELLOW SOUND OF YOUR NEW AMERICAN IMPERIAL V-8, YOU CAN FEEL A WARM SENSE OF PRIDE IN KNOWING WHY YOUR SON DIED IN VIETNAM.

€ him who is without sin cast the first Rock musical



PED AND PUNCTUATED BY TIPPY-TOP TYPESETTING, A WHOLEY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF THE LEON TROTSKY INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED DANCING BEARS



"Well, Maw, Nixon said he'd get the boys home, and here they are... Two from the steel mill, three from the toolworks and one from the foundry..."

BANGOR, ME. (AP) — A request by the Bangor Hydroelectric Company to increase its rates was delayed for 20 minutes yesterday because of a power failure.



PROGRAM FOR LOYALIST STUDIES AND PUBLICATION TO HOLD OPEN MEETING

The "Program" for Loyalist Studies and Publications, an international project headquartered at the Graduate Center and concerned with materials documenting the loyalist side of the American Revolution, will hold a day-long meeting on Saturday December 4, in Room 207 of the Center, beginning at 9:00 a.m. About twenty scholars, including guests from England and Canada, will discuss the status of research and other aspects of the project. Members of the university community are invited to attend as observers.



President Planning To Resign Oct. 31

Russia in the good old days. A little war. A little peace. And lots of horsing around.



Snuggle up with a good book

FREE OINTMENT

I want to send you some very "costly" ointment. It was used to anoint Jesus' body, and by the early church fathers for centuries. It will come in a handy anointing bottle and should last you for years. I have sold many bottles for \$25.00 each. Then I found some of this ointment in Jerusalem. I have been hunting it for twenty years.

This bottle contains spikenard mentioned in John 12:3. The word "costly" is only mentioned twice in the New Testament. If you order the faith books on Page 10 this month, we will give you this bottle of spikenard free and postpaid.

If you had rather have it, we will send you an olive wood cross, a man's billfold, woman's purse, American flag, a gold cross for your lapel, a hall-point pen with a gold cross and faith verse, a key chain with a faith verse and your own name on it, or a nice gift Bible.

1971EE

"Fall 1906"

RUSSO-ITALIAN ALLIANCE GRINDS TURKS

ENGLAND (Trtek): A Nwy holds; A Hol-Kie; A Den S A Hol-Kie; F Hel S A Den; F Nth S A Nwy; A Bel-Hol; F Mid-Bre; F Eng S F Mid-Bre; F Iri-NAt.

FRANCE (Hendry): F Por-Spa(s.c.); A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun.

GERMANY (Tesser): A Par holds.

ITALY (Horton): F Alb-Gre; A Sor & F Ion S F Alb-Gre; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); A Mar S F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Tus-Lyo.

RUSSIA (P. Wood): F Con-Ank; A Bul-Con; A Sev-Rum; A Bud S A Sev-Rum; A War-Sil; A St.P-Nwy; F Bar S A St.P-Nwy; A Kie-Den; F Bal S A Kie-Den; A Mun holds; A Ber S A Mun.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Grc-Sor; A Rum S A Grc-Sor; F Smy-Con; F Aeg S F Smy-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible! The Russian A Kie and the Turkish A Gre are annihilated. Turkey must retreat A Rum-Gal or A Rum-Ukr, or annihilate that unit. The direction of this retreat should be sent in at once, and other players will be informed.

The adjudication around Kiel is worth further explanation as an example of how conflicts are handled. Since the English A Den was attacked from Kiel, the support it gives into Kiel remains valid. Only if this army had been attacked from another direction would its support to A Hol-Kie have been cut.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bro, Den, Edi, Hol, ITALY: Gre, Mar, Nap, Rom, Sor, Spa, Kie, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (9) Tri, Tun, Ven. (9)

FRANCE: Por. (1) RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Mos, Mun, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (12)

GERMANY: Par. (1)

TURKEY: Con, Smy. (2)

Italy may build three new units, and Russia may build two. Turkey must remove one unit, and France must remove two. Those moves may be made conditional on the direction of the Turkish retreat. The deadline for "Winter 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1972!

LONDON: As Briton's everywhere rallied behind "The Kingfish's War", King George Stevens continued to direct operations from his West End lodge, aided by his legal counsel Calhoun and his chief adviser, Sir Andrew Brown.

Kingfish: Hoh-heh. Yessuh, Andy, all is goin' jost fine. We- (knock at the door)

Kingfish: (opening door) Whazit?

Messenger: Message from the front, sir.

Kingfish: Ah, thank ya.

Calhoun (as Kingfish opens message): Now, Kingfish, about dem fornifications in Nohway...

Kingfish (moanfully): Oh...oh...oh, Andy. Dey done took Kiel away!

Andy: Well, den we take it back!

Kingfish (brightening): Dat's right. We gonna- (another knock at the door)

Kingfish (opening door): Whazit?

Messenger: Message from the front, sir.

Kingfish: Ah, thank ya.

Andy: Well, ah's goin' out foh a sandwich. (leaves)

Kingfish (moanfully, with hands on head): Oh...oh...oh, no. Now de French done took Portugal. (laying head on desk) Oh, Calhoun, who's haft ah gone wrong?

Calhoun: Well, ah thinks ah'll take dat showah-

Kingfish: No! We's all in dis tagothah! Now, lemme see hoah...Ah gots it! Now lemme see dat map!...

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1972A

ENGLISH REGAIN INITIATIVE

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Nwy-Swe; F Cly-Liv; F Wal-Lon; F Bol holds.

FRANCE (Powell): F Bre holds; F Eng-Nth; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Mar-Lyo.

GERMANY (Huddleston): F Den-Bal; F Nrg-Nwy; F Swe S F Nrg-Nwy; A Kie-Don; A Hol-Bel; F Nth C A Hol-Bel; A Pru S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A War; A Gal S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri-Bud.

ITALY (Trickett): A Tus-Rom; F Tun-Ion; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A War S GERMAN A Gal; A Tri-Bud; A Vio S A Tri-Bud; A Ser-Tri; A Apu-Von.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): F Bar-Nwy; A Fin S ENGLISH F Nwy-Swe; A Liv-War; A Mos S A Liv-War; A Rum-Ser.

TURKEY (Murray): A Bud-Tri; F Alb S A Bud-Tri; A Bul S RUSSIAN A Rum-Ser; F Ion-Adr; F Gre S F Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible. Turkey must retreat A Bud-Rum or remove the unit; Cormány must retreat F Swe-Bot or F Swc-Ska, or remove the unit. These retreats should be sent in at once; the Gamesmaster will inform all players.

The situation in Scandinavia needs some explanation. Since the German F Swo was dislodged, it could give no support to the German move F Nrg-Nwy. This is in accordance with the 1971 rules, which say that "a dislodged unit has no effect on the space its attacker came from".

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (6) ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (5)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Por, Spa. (4) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Tri, Von, Vie, War. (5)

GERMANY: Ber, Don, Hol, Kio, Mun, Par. (6) RUSSIA: Con, Mos, St.P, Ser, Sev. (5) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Gre, Rum, Smy. (5)

This assumes that Turkey retreats the dislodged A Bud. If not, then Rumania remains a Russian supply center and Russia has a build. England has a build, and Germany has two removals, or one if the dislodged F Swo was removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1972. Players may make their "Winter" moves conditional on the directions of the retreats.

In the last issue, Scott Huddleston informed other players that he would be away for a while, and that Peter Ansoff would submit moves for him. However, no moves for Germany were received from Ansoff, and the only moves received from Huddleston were dated 9 August, before the mistaken adjudication in #270 was corrected.

Mark Murray reports that, as of 10 September, his address will be Box 1706, Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. 01610; 617-793-1461.

BERLIN (2 April 1905): The city is slowly recovering from yesterday's All Fools Day festivities, beginning at noon and lasting late into the night and morning. All Fools Day is believed to commemorate a political struggle and the candidates involved in the distant place of America 1972.

One of the primary social events was the farewell party of Scott Huddleston, Envoy to The Reich from 1972, who left on an assignment in California 1972. He expects to return in Spring 1906, and the post will be filled in the interim by Peter Ansoff.

Kaiser Gutgulf assured his neighbors that Herr Ansoff would follow the policies and commitments established by Envoy Huddleston.

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Pfenning-Halbfenning #6 (19 June 1972) has a listing of all postal Diplomacy Gamesmasters currently seeking new players. For information write to John A. McCallum, P. O. Box 52, Ralston, Alberta, Canada.

1971EC

"Winter 1906"

For some reason or combination of reasons, only 3 people sent in "Spring 1907" moves for this game. This was due partly to the fact that several players are currently on the move, partly because the usual separate "Winter" move was not included in the alternation of moves, and partly owing to an error in the "Fall 1906" adjudication. This error, of which all players were informed about a week ago, lay in the presumption that Austria-Hungary had ejected Germany from Vienna. Actually, thanks to Germany's "A Boh S A Vie", this failed. Germany built A Ber. Russia, not having acquired Budapest, has no build, and Austria-Hungary has no removal. The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1972 at NOON. Press releases begin on p. 6!

After 26 August, Steve Nozik will be back at 356 Kimberly Dr., Rochester, N. Y. 14610. Gregory Warden is now at 179 Aquetong Road, New Hope, Penn. 18938, but stay tuned for a change to an academic address.

1972E

"Winter 1905"

ENGLAND (Abbott): Builds F Lon, A Edi.

GERMANY (Fong): No removal received.

Gamesmaster removes F Gas. The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1972.

1972G

"Winter 1905"

Rod Walker resigned as Germany (see statement below) but without making the retreat for Germany. The Gamesmaster accordingly removes the dislodged German A Bur. Italy retreats A Vie-Tyr, A Tri-Ven.

FRANCE (Warren): Builds A Mar. RUSSIA (Atteberry): Builds A War.

ITALY (Childers): Removes A Boh, F St. P(n.o.); A Sev.

TURKEY (Blandin): Builds A Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1972.

Bob Warren is now back at Apt. 18A, 560 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027. Rod Walker has sent in the following statement:

"For reasons I prefer not to discuss at the moment, I must affect a partial withdrawal from postal Diplomacy. I am resigning from most of my postal games. I will endeavor to keep up my publications, but they will certainly be late for a while. Insofar as feuds with John Beshara or others are concerned, I consider them at an end. The question of whom is right or wrong has for me become totally irrelevant. It is my sincere hope that the past can be buried."

I am sorry to see Rod leaving the game. While I have disagreed with him on a wide range of subjects, his diligent work of compilation and record-keeping have been an important contribution to the field of postal Diplomacy.

The new player of Germany in this game is Payton D. Turpin, whose new address appears at the bottom of p. 7.

SYRIA: And now as this conflict comes to a close Czar Atteberry becomes the uncontested winner of the "Brownfinger Award". All pay homage to the leading proctologist.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

BOB LIPTON, 556 Green Place, Woodmere, N. Y. 11598 (15 August 1972): It looks like both of us goofed: Me for writing a faulty article, you for printing it without correcting it. ((See "A Series of Progressive Northern Stalemate Positions". GRAUSTARK #268.))

First of all, the variation in position II will work only if the enemy is in either Fin or Bar. The Bot position can crack the stalemate.

In position VIII I Omitted a F 4... supporting F Spa(s.e.).

You labelled IX as I. That's not too serious, and it can be corrected by hand.

The response has been wild. I have gotten comments from Walker and Beshara, and others in between. Everyone thought it was good! Beshara was the only one who caught the mistakes.

People have sent me listings of stalemate positions. I've gotten so many that I can't thank everyone personally!

During the summer my file of over two hundred specific stalemate positions was lost. I was out of the state, and it was decided to straighten up my room. I can find almost nothing, and it may be that the stalemates were thrown away, as they were not arranged very neatly!

Here's a problem for GRAUSTARK readers: Are there any stalemates (with plenty of fleets, not with none) that cuts through the North Sea?

ELLIOT S. LIPSON, HQS, US Army Materiel Command, Attn: AMCSA-BC, Washington, D. C. 20315 (4 August 1972): Question on rules: Situation - German F Gas, French F Spa(s.c.), French A Pie. Orders: Germany: F Gas-Spa(n.c.); France: A Pie-Mar S by F Spa(s.c.). Does Germany's attack on Spa(n.c.) cut support of French F Spa(s.c.)?

((Yes. The 1971 rulebook defines "space" as "each province or body of water", so Spain is one single "space". And "if a unit ordered to support in a given space is attacked from a space different from the one into which it is giving support...then its support is cut."))

JOHN BESHARA, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023: Would you adjudicate this problem in accordance with the new Rulebook:

ENGLAND: A Lon-Den; F Nth C A Lon-Den; F Ska & F Swe S A Lon-Den.

GERMANY: F Hol-Nth; F Den S F Hol-Nth.

RUSSIA: F Nwy-Nth; F Nrg S F Nwy-Nth.

((The difficulty here is that Germany and Russia are each trying to enter Nth with a force of two, thus failing to dislodge the English F Nth. But this makes possible the convoy, dislodging the German A Den and making its support invalid. When this happens, the Russian attack on Nth succeeds and the English convoy fails. With the English convoy failing, the German F Den is not dislodged, and we take up this circular argument at its beginning again.

((This is similar to "Pandin's Paradox" described in GRAUSTARK #243, p. 8. Like it, there is no outcome completely compatible with the rulebook. If this situation ever arose in a GRAUSTARK game, I would rule that nobody moves.))

1971EE (continued from p. 2)

PARIS: The Swiss government refused to comment on rumors, spreading through the halls of Europe, which said that the Swiss refused to accept 280,000 newly appointed members of the German consulate and embassy staff. Those appointees arrived, very well equipped, at the Swiss-French border, claiming to be this year's replacements for the (hitherto skeleton & crew) Embassy guard. Regarding rumors saying that Lesser Dyspopsis's Ambassador to the German government, Unsunk Yunk-Suche Eccles has applied for a 20-year subscription to GRAUSTARK, and a transfer of the subscription to FREE-DONIA, the Swiss spokesman referred the press to the Ambassador.

SPECIAL LAST-MINUTE CHANGE OF MOVES: A LETTER FROM DON HORTON, THAT JUST GOT IN UNDER THE DEADLINE, CHANGES ONE OF HIS ABOVE-LISTED MOVES. INSTEAD OF "F ION S F ALB-GRE" HE ORDERED "F ION-AEG". THIS CUTS THE TURKISH SUPPORTING MOVE "F AEG S F SMY-CON", SO THAT THE TURKISH "F SMY-CON" IS STOOD OFF BY THE RUSSIAN "A BUL-CON". THEREFORE CONSTANTINOPLE REMAINS RUSSIAN. RUSSIA HAS NOT 2 BUILDS BUT 3, AND TURKEY HAS NOT 1 REMOVAL BUT 2.

1972G - PRESS RELEASE

LONDON (IDUNNO): Britain is once again under attack. After five years of unaided defense, the British Isles shall be invaded. The King today asked all loyal subjects to act in a fitting manner. "We shall show the Enemy that our fleets may be destroyed but never our spirit." British intelligence announced that a Russian fleet is steaming towards Liverpool.

1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

WOODMERE, L. I.: From the offices of Kinney & Lipschwitz, Synthesists: It is with deep regret that I inform you that our translating service will be temporarily curtailed, as our Mr. Lipschwitz is suffering a nervous breakdown. The breakdown happened when he was studying Probability Line DIP-1971 EC. It is not sure what happened. As you know, Mr. Lipschwitz was trying to crack the language used in some press releases tentatively defined as old Novaya Zemlyan, and originating in the Sea-Whose-Name-We-All-Know-and-Love. Mr. Lipschwitz's tape recorder has the following phrases:

This is

O At .
P Great .
E Intervals .
R This
A Appears
T To
I Inflame
O Optic
N Nerves

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"Fagville! Bettya, Golly, Gosh!! Casrs and Dutch Boys and things that go boomp in the night, good Lord deliver us. Send me to Phumpha, or Liechtenstein, or Pollutidar, or even the five and a half kingdoms, but not this! Anything but this!! Ph'nglui mglw'nafh Cthulhu R'lyeh wgah'nagl ftagn!!!! Iah, Yog-Sothoth!!!!!!!"

The tape ran for another half hour before his brother found Mr. Lipschwitz. He has been placed in a rest home for a few weeks, and should recover, although I am afraid that the assignment to translate these press releases will have to be chalked up as a failure. There will be no further charge. If in the future you have a problem that can be solved, please contact us if it's something on the order of multi-dimensional calculus, or exo-biology, or anything that a human being can understand.

BOTTOMLESS PLUNGEHOLE, MEROAKIA (JUNKS): Robert of Abalone continued with his expedition to wipe out Bollutidar. It is interesting that a new optical illusion has started. For a number of days all the soldiers have thought that they have been able to see due to what appears to be a sun in the center of the earth. So real was the illusion, that the extension lines for the light bulbs were left behind, and the army proceeded in this manner, believing that they could see.

Fortunately, John N of the Boredom of Dom-Dom arrived and informed Robert that what he thought was happening was impossible, and that it was completely dark and that they needed lights. The sun glasses, that has been issued so that the men could sleep, were taken back, and the extension cords set up again. The army, which had been marching six miles a day and capturing two or three animals a week, is now stuck and will continue to be stuck until some more extension cord can be supplied.

BOTTOMLESS PLUNGEHOLE, MEROAKIA (IDUNNO): The men of the Phumphan Legion of Progress are discontented with their expedition. Said one, "The air stinks, the water's black, it's too hot, the ground is covered with garbage. We were supposed to attack pollutidar, and instead we wind up in Philadelphia's sewers."

HELLESPOINTED (HOT): As Hasha awoke from his dream of wierd and unusual things, he broke out in a cold sweat. It seems that staring at him was 2 halwats 3 googdoogs, 1 Jadftrar, and seven Fotos. They all had the lean hungry look over them. Hasha thinking very quickly said

"I would like to take this opportunity to inform all you that one little ol' bit of Hasha does not divide very well among 13 people very well. None of you will at all be able to get your fill, or in the least ways be able to satisfy your self in any way. I would therefore like to take this time to make this little suggestion, it is that if you let me go I'll lead you too much better and greater things because I'M the GREAT HASHA!"

At which they thought it over and began to fight among themselves for poor little Hasha. While the fight was going on Hasha took the time to make good his escape from the evils of the innercrust and to see what is on the other side of this life.

The real moral of this stroy is if you don't have enough have Hasha to go around, open another can.

PHONEY BALONEY (GUESSWHO): To day the overlords of this great state were very pleased with the actions of the Phumpa people. They have decided that they no longer need to take hash actions against this said state, since they have on their own decided that Herbert Half Wit was just another noose ass and were goin to leave him alone to his little old things that keep him happy. Anything that keeps a halfwit happy should not be denied him. If Phumpa should in some way do furthur harm to any halfwit Phoney Baloney will have to take action once again

DUNG HILLA (WHATISIT): In this small Indiana state just out side of the innercrust lives a man by the name of Hole Hog. Hole Hog is the maker of All Pork wiener that you buy in your store. Anyway one day as Hole Hog was making it with a couple of Pigs there came a knock on the door.

"I'm the meat inspector Let me in to inspect your meat"

To which Hole Hog had this to say "Can you come back tomorrow I'm very tired up today and haven't got the time for you"

"I'm sorry, but I have to inspect your meat today or else I'll have to take stronger actions against you"

"Will you can't come in until later today at least"

"Let me in now, for there is no better time than now to do what I have to do"

At which Hole Hog had no choice but to let the meat inspector in. Next time we will have another adventure of Hole Hog for Congress.

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR (URRP): A hot debate erupted in the Representative Diet today over the quality of meat furnished by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Food Procurement. SssS-ssS, the chief of the Horib delegation, claimed that the spicy Turks were too much for the delicate Horib stomach. The Minister responded:

"His Imperial Majesty's government can inform the Horib peoples, whose contributions to the war effort against the Outer Crust have been second to none, that their complaints are groundless. There are now no Turks left. However, large numbers of Russians are now being imported through the North Polar Openings, and we can assure the peoples of the Inner Crust that they satisfy the exacting standards of the Pollutidar Pure Food and Foreigners Act. An inspector of our department is currently examining Outer Crust sources of meat to ensure this."

The Horibs, Coripis, Azarians, and other anthropophagous species seemed mollified by this pronouncement, and merely devoured a Himcan page boy who had inadvertently ventured on the floor of the assembly.

A new topic was opened by the Coripi chieftain Glut, who claimed that the Ministry of Preparedness for War and Dinner was ignoring the threat posed by a tunnel that led from the Outer Crust to his tribe's pantry.

"We don't mind Outer Crusters who find their way into da Pantry," Glut said, "but sometimes uh Inner Cruster finds his way out. So far in duh last fifty sleeps we've lost uh Jukan, three Amiocapans, uh Himcan, an' two Mczops."

At this point the Jukan, Amiocapan, Himcan, and Mczop delegations attacked the Coripis. Total casualties were 25 persons of various species, not counting a Jukan who maintained at the top of his lungs that he had been killed.

1971EB

"Winter 1906"

Following "Fall 1906" moves, Austria-Hungary retreated A Vic-Gal. Since Tunis fell to Franco, Franco has two builds and Italy has none.

FRANCE (Holcombe): Builds F BrC, F Mar.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): Builds A Bud.

The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1972.

PARIS: The city is abuzz with rumors that our greedy English "allies" have betrayed us and are even now sailing towards our homelands. However, the government has called out the reserves and is confident that the Birsan's Bandits will not benefit from their treachery.

1971BG

Effective immediately, Payton D. Turpin replaces Howard Latin as Franco. Turpin's new address (a change from that previously published) is Box 109, Blake Hall, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, Calif. 92037. The new deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is 6 PM MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 1972.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

being a column which providee evidence that the missing link between the ape and civilized man is - us.

I suppose almost every reader has had the experience, on a dull Sunday morning, of being awakened by a doorbell arpeggio produced by a member of the sect: it is hard not to call "Jehovah's Witlesses". We even have one of them in wargaming fandom, who used to propagandize me with quotations from the bible until it became evident that I knew the book considerably better than he did.

Despite their religious fuggheadedness, it has been difficult to fault them for their steadfast opposition to war. When push comes to shove, it has been Jehovah's Witnesses who have provided the majority of the men willing to go to jail rather than join up with that band of hired killers called an "army".

Most of us have thought that this was due to the Witnesses' ironclad scriptural injunction against killing. (I don't know whether the 15th chapter of I Samuel appears in their version of the bible.) However, a recent news item from the Los Angeles Free Press of 28 July 1972 makes it appear that under certain circumstances the Jehovah's Witneesees are all for killing. In their publication Awake for 22 June 1972, they demand that all homosexuals be put to death.

So much for the Witnesses' claims to a superior morality; it seems that they are just as willing to kill as are other people. This demand of theirs is going to appear again - when Witnesses are quizzed about their "conscientious objector" statute by draft officiale. And the National Alliance of Gays (NAG, of course) has filed a complaint with Attorney General Kleindienet (!) urging prosecution of the Witneesees under a provieion of the Civil Rights Act prohibiting the advocacy of genocide. (This one will freak out not only Kleindienst and the Witnesses, but also the Jews who got that clause written into the act out of fear of Negro anti-Semitism.)

Finally, a group called Gay Jehovah's Witneesees have pulled out of the regular Witnesses' group because of "the einful perpetuation of marriage, sexual exclusiveness, and the family in dieobediance to God's Command that we 'leave thy wife, thy son, and thy daughter and follow me.'"

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Gay Lib ie also having its troubles in England, according to "Crucifer" in the New Statesman of 23 June 1972. A Women's Lib magazine called Spare Rib was holding its own birthday party, and among the other "underground" groups invited was a contingent from Gay Lib. One of them, adorned with "red eye-shadow and silver lipstick", was accusing the Woman's Lib group of selling out to capitalism as "Liberation, Incorporated". His repeated comments on this point were too much for one of the Spare Rib staff, who "hurled the poor lad down the step, shouting: 'Get out of my party, you cunt!'"

Still, some conflict could have been expected. Most people in Gay Lib are convinced that their sexual preference is an inborn thing, like a black man's skin. In effect, they are saying, "Biology ie destiny." To which Women's Lib replies, "The hell it is!"

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Now - are there any groups I haven't insulted?

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Department of Boo Hoo:

"An even more serious problem is posed by the change of ethic of precisely the most idealistic element of American youth. The idealism of the Fifties during the Kennedy era expressed itself in self-confident, often zealous institution building. Today, however, many in the younger generation conider the management of power irrelevant, perhaps even immoral...The new ethic of freedom is not 'civic'; it is indifferent or even hostile to systems and notions of order. Management is equated with manipulation. The generation which has come of age after the Fifties has had Vietnam as its introduction to world politics. It has no memory of occasions when American-supported structural innovations were successful or of the motivations which prompted these enterprises." - Henry Kissinger, Central Issues of American Foreign Policy, 1968

Needless to say, Kissinger has not the slightest idea why this state of affairs has come to pass.

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The incredible campaign to nominate Richard M. Nixon for the Nobel Peace Prize is picking up steam from expected sources. (See the last issue of GRAUSTARK for earlier news.) It has been endorsed by Senator Strom Thurmond, and by Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve System. (New York Times, 15 August 1972) However, Dollar Bill Buckley has decided to "sit this one out."

NOTE TO NEW READERS: You'll see plenty of satire in GRAUSTARK, and most of it has a rather bitter tone. But, though you may not believe it, I AM NOT MAKING THIS ONE UP. There really is an attempt by his supporters to nominate Nixon for the Peace Prize. Honest. Truly.

But why, then, just nominate Nixon for the Peace Prize. Let's put up a whole slate of nominees. The Literature Prize, logically, ought to go to Taylor Caldwell. And we'll give the Physics Prize to Emmanuel Velikovsky, the Chemistry Prize to Timothy Leary, the Medicine Prize to that great surgeon Charles Manson, and the new Prize for Economics to - to - why, that one should go to Nixon also!

Now THAT was satire. You do see the difference, don't you? Don't you?

Opposition to American policies is not unusual in British political journals. So at first glance there was little cause for surprise in an attack on the American invasion of Vietnam in the column "Gulliver's Journal" in the Spectator of 17 June 1972. This column is a series of remarks on the assumption that Swift's Lemuel Gulliver arrives in contemporary London and reports the foibles of its inhabitants as he did those of the Lilliputians and the Laputans.

According to Gulliver: "An American Acquaintance tells me that he is much alarmed by his Countryman's sentimental aversion to the Burning of a few Children last week, in the Course of the Asian War. Surely, he declared, my People have lost all Sense of Proportion, when they place a few foreign Children above the Honour of their Country. Such excesses must ensue from the Decline of Christianity which in its heyday never shrank from burning its enemies or, on occasion and accidentally, its Friends."

"Although he was unsure of his Country's Aims in the War, he was sure that, should they be persuaded to Withdraw, the other side whoever they were, must win and that would lead to the destruction of all he considered decent and manly in his Nation."

This is harsh, but not as harsh as anything we Americans have written about this disgusting war and its disgusting supporters. The point of it arises from the fact that Spectator is not a Socialist or Liberal publication. Spectator's point of view is Tory, and particularly the Toryism that looks to the racist Enoch Powell as the hope of the party's future. "Gulliver" in the past has attacked Socialists, anti-colonialists, "Fenians", and other popular Tory targets.

When the British equivalent of National Review speaks of America's war against Vietnam in such terms, it becomes even the supporters of the war to reconsider world public opinion.

As a rule, British comment on world affairs seems to be less hyperbolic than American. One influence towards this situation was the work of the late Bertrand Russell, 3rd Earl Russell and grandson of a politician who did his level best to promote a war with the United States. An assessment of his father's work was provided on the occasion of Bertrand Russell's centennial by the Hon. Conrad Russell, younger son of the late earl and heir presumptive to that dignity. (London Times Magazine, 14 May 1972):

"In his greatest attempt, the abolition of nuclear weapons, he has so far failed. However, though he did not achieve this, he achieved something less. Up to about 1959, Ministers regularly used to defend the dropping, as well as the possession, of nuclear bombs, and used to get away with doing so. In a very short time and largely because of my father's efforts, this view changed.

"The last Minister to make a serious attempt to defend the use of nuclear bombs in war was... Mr. Henry Brooke, during the 1964 General Election, and he was howled down by his audience. For this rapid swing of opinion, my father deserves a very large share of the credit. Whether this achievement is enough to preserve the human race remains to be discovered. My father believed it was not."

"It is, of all others, the point on which he would have been happiest to be proved wrong."

Now that the election campaign is warming up, the silly season is upon us in full swing. The latest manifestation is the "Democrats for X" syndrome, where "X" is the current Republican candidate. Some of the wheelhorses in this operation have been at it as far back as "Democrats for Willkie".

The 1972 version of this farce appeared in a full-page ad in the New York Times of 14 August. The signers include:

Frank E. Fitzsimmons, president of that stalwart band of honest American working men, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Farris Bryant, who against strong competition achieved the distinction of being the worst governor in the history of Florida.

Thomas J. Watson Jr. of IBM, one of the richest men in America.

Mario Procaccino, who when he ran for Mayor of New York City issued a 12-page position paper on narcotics without once mentioning the Mafia.

Frank Sinatra, who knows a lot more about the Mafia than he has thus far seen fit to mention.

Mickey Mantle, who has thus far not been considered worthy of quotation on any matter other than how to make life hazardous for the bullpen brigade.

And, finally, an epicene actor named Davis who, already confused about his ethnic identity and his sexual identity, now appears confused about his political identity.

I say it again: - I ended my Anachronist publication PRISCVS SECLORVM too early. In arguing that we are now returning to the Middle Ages, I referred to our present ruler as King Richard the No-Hearted. And what do we find, in the August issue of National Lampoon, but an account of the forthcoming coronation of King Richard, complete with a picture of his crown, and the arms of his most prominent supporters.

But, like GRAUSTARK, National Lampoon finds it hard to keep satire ahead of reality. According to Leonard Lyons (New York Post, 15 August 1972), the US Information Agency is going to display the National Lampoon picture of Nixon's crown at the German Industries Fair in Berlin next month.

War gaming apparently poses hazards to the character as well as to sanity. Brigadier General Harold Strack, who is in charge of war gaming for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was pulled in for shoplifting last May. He tried to walk off with a \$41.50 sports coat from a PX at Fort Myer. (Jack Anderson, New York Post, 15 August 1972)

Since diabetes runs in my family, and insulin was developed at the cost of eight dogs, I probably have a built-in bias against anti-vivisectionists. Still, I was rather shocked to read in the New York Post (14-15 August 1972) of a "loosely-knit network" of sweet little old ladies in New York who go around rescuing dogs and cats from the sinister scientists. They try to get these beasties before the ASPCA does, since the ASPCA obeys a 1952 law requiring that they turn over animals for experimental purposes on request. (In practice, only a few hundred animals a year are so used.)

So what do the sweet little old ladies do? They go out and round up the strays themselves, and chloroform them in the privacy of their own homes.

GRAUSTARK, before I forget it, is published by John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. It comes out on alternate Saturdays at a rate of 8 issues for \$1. It is the oldest publication for the postal play of the board game Diplomacy, invented by Allan B. Calhamer and produced at \$8 a set by Games Research Inc. of Boston. Back issues are 15¢ each or 10 for \$1; write for the list of available copies.

Also produced here is FREEDONIA, a bulletin for the postal play of the new Avalon-Hill game Origins of World War II, designed by James Dunnigan. FREEDONIA appears on the same schedule and at the same rate as GRAUSTARK. Games of Origins are available in it at a rate of \$3 each. This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

By now, I suppose everyone knows the interpretation of the Adam-and-Eve-and-the-apple myth. Still, it was a little startling to see an announcement of a new off-Broadway play entitled "After We Eat the Apple, We What?"

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Some readers have been critical of my opposition to McGovern, claiming that despite his support for the war he has reformed and is now our best practical hope of peace at home and abroad. But this offers him no guarantees at all.

Suppose you had a candidate who had avoided active military service, who got in trouble with the CIA because of his private trips to China and the USSR, who campaigned for reform of the criminal code, and who pledged himself to the creation of a "just society" - and was called a Communist by the John Birch Society. That would sound pretty good to most of the same people who now support McGovern.

His name is Pierre Elliott Trudeau, and it was a background such as this that got him elected Prime Minister of Canada in 1968. Since getting elected, he has put through a War Measures Act, suspended civil liberties under its provisions, and made Canada a silent partner in the American invasion of Vietnam. (The very green berets that denote the "Special Forces" are manufactured in Canada.) Things are much tighter for American draft refugees than they were before he took office; the FBI is apparently allowed to roam freely around Canada in search of them.

Besides, I voted for a peace candidate once already. His name was Lyndon Johnson.

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"This little pig on the corner,
This little pig in the car,
This little pig in plain clothes,
This little pig with a star,
And this little pig cried we-we-we-we want Wallace."

- Eve Merriam, The Inner City Mother Goose

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It makes you break out with acne, and your hair falls out.

No, it's not what you think it is. According to Irwin Lubow of New York Medical College, this is what smoking pot does to you. (Los Angeles Staff, 28 July 1972)

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"All those ecology and anti-pollution fanatics are always running around complaining that man is interfering with the Balance Of Nature. Well, what's so sacredly wonderful about the balance of nature anyway? It's the cause of earthquakes, avalanches, typhoons, plagues, famines, heat waves, ice ages, and, probably, even man's inhumanity to man.

"By all means interfere with the balance of nature, I say. Even, if possible, stamp it out altogether." - Jack S. Margolis, Los Angeles Free Press, 4 August 1972

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For several years the shouts of the dissenters had become louder and louder, and the government was more and more worried. There had been considerable violence, which then died down without settling the issue. But demands and demonstrations continued, causing the government to fear for the future of law and order. The demonstrators attacked hypocrisy and corruption, and spread a new ideology subversive of everything that the establishment held dear.

In the summer of '72, the government finally decided to crack down hard on these subversives. The head of state was urged to his course by all his most influential advisers, including a woman whose husband had recently held high public office, and who was outspokenly bitter against the dissenters.

On August 22, a number of demonstrators were gathered in a large city for a love feast. Finding them so conveniently assembled, a government agent shot at a war veteran who was a prominent figure among the demonstrators. However, the veteran was merely wounded. His supporters made a great outcry against the government, demanding that his attackers be punished.

As far as the government was concerned, this brought matters to a head. A final solution to the problem of dissent was planned. Troops, supported by fanatical mobs of pro-government rioters, attacked the demonstrators all over the country. The slaughter began on August 24, and continued for almost a month. When the passions at last had run their course, more than 30,000 people had been killed.

Much to their surprise, the instigators of this slaughter found themselves condemned by world public opinion. They put forward the excuse that the dissenters were plotting to seize the government, but this proved to be a lie. England and Germany condemned the massacre bitterly, and even the friendly government of Spain was embarrassed. The ruler of Russia, himself no stranger to large-scale murder, was horrified when the news reached him.

This is not a fantasy growing out of the disturbances at the Republican National Convention. It describes the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre of 1572, when King Charles IX, urged by the Queen Mother and the Duke of Guise, ordered the slaughter of the Protestants of France. The "love feast" referred to was the marriage, in Paris, of the Protestant Leader Henri of Navarre, later King Henri IV. The war veteran, later the first victim of the massacre, was Admiral Coligny. The above-mentioned Russian ruler was Ivan the Terrible.

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"People conditioned by TV will believe in anything: astrology, Scientology, Hare Krishna, Mick Jagger, Tang, Richard M. Nixon..." - Redd Boggs, Bete Noire #23

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"A WORD OF CAUTION...When discussing the plagues of promiscuity, perversion, and pornography, Suzanne Labin is necessarily graphic in her descriptions and examples. So, while most of Hippies, Drugs, and Promiscuity is suitable and indeed imperative reading for anyone, certain sections should be restricted to mature readers." - Conservative Book Club advertisement, National Review, 14 April 1972

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Bill Buckley comes through again. While Pacifists are calling the country's attention to the fact that the US Air Force is bombing Vietnam's extensive system of dams and dikes, and Nixonites are denying that any such thing is going on, Buckley asserts his own independent point of view. In his New York Post column of 17 August 1972, while not taking sides on this argument, Buckley says: "What I want to know is: why haven't we bombed the dikes. That's what some of us wondered for years."

For what the fulfillment of Buckley's grisly purpose would mean to Vietnam, see the article "Geophysical Warfare" in FREEDOMIA #38.

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The state of "security" in the government being what it is, we may expect that soon some columnist will leak the text of the recent Kissinger-Thieu conversation. I'd bet Jane Fonda against an old "Victory in Vietnam" button that the substance of the conversation will be the following statement by Kissinger:

"Old buddy, you're a bit of an embarrassment. So we'll give you a choice. We gave Bao Dai a villa on the Riviera, and we gave Diem a bullet in the back of the neck. You may pick whichever you want."

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"When the President of the United States cannot travel to any major city in America without fear of a hostile demonstration, it is time for a new leadership in America." - Nixon, acceptance speech, 1968